

HOPEWELL IS GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Past Week Has Seen Long Strides
in Development and Improvement
of Powder Town.

ELECTRIC CARS TO-MORROW

Burned District Rebuilt and Substantial Structures Now Occupy Sites of Former Shacks—Coming Encouragement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HOPEWELL, VA., February 19.—The purchase by large syndicates of the remaining lots in two of the subdivisions, accompanied by the announcement that other properties are to be subdivided and sold, indicate that another real estate boom is in store for Hopewell this spring.

The fact that Hopewell is soon to be incorporated as a city and the work can be begun earnestly in improving the streets has been a wonderful encouragement to invest in Hopewell property.

During the past week many events have taken place in the growth and improvement to the city. The electric power and lights have been cut on, and the streets and business houses of the city are now well lighted. The Norfolk and Western Railway completed the new overhand bridge at the foot of Hopewell Street, and the post-office was opened for business.

The Petersburg and Appomattox Railway will begin running passenger cars over its lines on Monday, and although no regular schedule will be maintained for about a week, the cars will be running every few minutes between the two cities.

The new municipal and municipal buildings were completed during the week and is now occupied. Two or three new moving-picture theaters threw open their doors to the public, and construction work was begun on two others.

Building operations were active and many new structures were completed and others begun. The burned district is now nearly entirely re-built, and in most instances more substantial buildings are erected than the single frame buildings formerly stood. The new home of the Virginia State Bank is being rushed to completion, and probably will be occupied within a very few weeks.

HOPEWELL STREET PRACTICALLY REBUILT

Hopewell Street is practically entirely rebuilt, and it presents an even more business-like air than it formerly did. Four brick stores on Hopewell between Poyneth and Broadway were completed and two of them occupied during the week.

In DuPont City several brick stores are being erected, and that section of the city is well built up. According to estimates compiled by real estate men, there are now more buildings in the business section of Hopewell than there were before the fire.

The DuPont Powder Company made an offer during the past week to loan the city of Hopewell, as soon as it is incorporated, the sum of \$25,000 to be used in improving the streets. The loan is for a term of forty years and is to bear 2½ per cent interest.

The State is loaning the city \$25,000 to be used in carrying on the city government until funds can be raised by taxes.

The engineers who began work during the week surveying the route of the new Hopewell-Petersburg improved highway completed running one of their lines on Friday. The work is being done under the supervision of the State Highway Commissioner. Two routes were surveyed and one of these will be selected. The road will be of cement and will cost about \$35,000. The city of Petersburg, the county of Prince George, and the DuPont Powder Company will provide the necessary funds for its construction.

OFFICERS GO TO ATLANTA FOR ALLEGED MURDERER

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HOPEWELL, VA., February 19.—Probably the most important event in the history of Hopewell was recorded here today, when the city's new post-office building in the large post office building on Broadway, recently completed.

The boxes were handled direct through the office by a competent force of fifteen clerks brought here from different cities and towns in the State. Two post-office inspectors had charge, and they will remain in the city to supervise the work of the office until the force has become accustomed to its new duties.

The announcement had been made that the subscription list to private boxes would be given out at 1 o'clock this afternoon. One hour before the time set for the official opening and sale of boxes, a large crowd had formed in the entrance to the building. And all of the boxes were sold within one hour after the lists were opened and many were unable to secure one.

The new post-office building fronts fifty feet on Broadway, and has a depth of ninety feet. The building is a two-story structure with business offices on the second floor, and is constructed of stone. The floor is of concrete. The office is equipped with the latest model automatic cancelling and numbering machine with a capacity of 26,000 letters an hour.

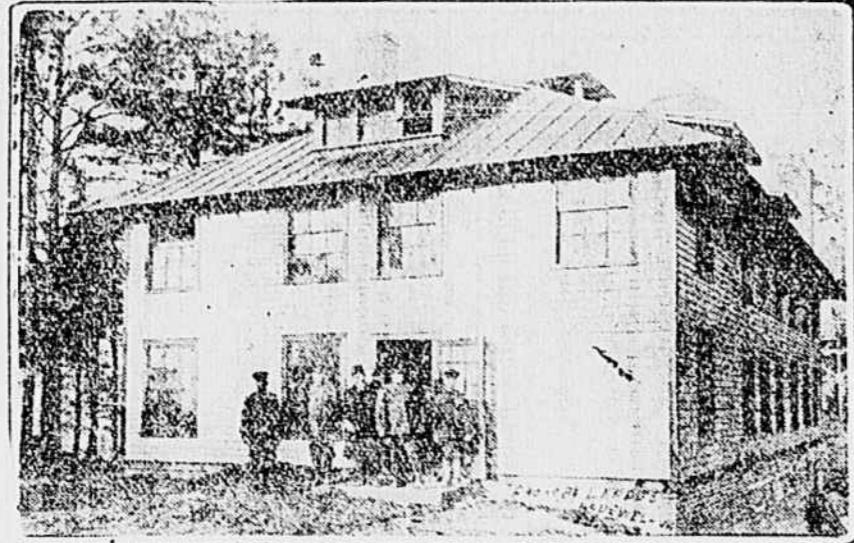
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Post-Office Inspectors H. M. Hayes and W. P. Armstrong, who have supervised the work of instituting the local office under Postmaster John Hanlon, stated that they would make every effort to secure a modified delivery service for the city.

In order to handle the large amount of mail at the local office it was found necessary to have a second postal service and to do this without disturbing the service at other points it was decided to secure them from different places. Following is a list of the clerks and the offices from which they were drawn:

C. L. Harvey, City Post Office; E. C. Kracke, Newbern; H. M. Sherrill, City Post Office; J. C. Chappell, City Post Office; Robert L. Harmon, of 800 feet. It was reported.

Hopewell and Some of Its Leading Citizens



New Municipal Building.



CHARLES CAMP.

JOHN RANTON, Postmaster.



W. J. DEVANEY.

THOMAS B. ROBERTSON.

HOPEWELL POST-OFFICE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

It is housed in commodious new building and is up-to-date in every particular.

JOHN HANLON POSTMASTER

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BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE

The Comrie Castle Reported on Reef Off Monrovia—Passengers All Landed.

LONDON, February 19.—The British steamship Comrie Castle is ashore on a reef off Monrovia, British East Africa. Her passengers have been landed.

The Comrie Castle was last reported at Marseilles on January 19. She is a 5,175-ton vessel owned by the Union Castle Mail Steamship Company of London. She was built in 1903 at Glasgow.

SULLY GETS VERDICT

Awarded \$30,000 Damages Against John Hays Hammond in District of Columbia Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, February 19.—Daniel J. Sully, of New York, today was awarded \$30,000 damages in his suit against John Hays Hammond, of this city, who he claimed attempted to destroy his reputation as a cotton expert. A verdict was given by a jury in the District of Columbia Supreme Court. The trial, which occupied five weeks, was made necessary by a mistrial about a year ago. Sully sued for \$1,500,000 damages.

**SAYS DRINK LEMONADE
FOR RHEUMATISM**

Relief from rheumatism and sciatica can be obtained by drinking lemonade and avoiding alcoholic drinks.

To get rid of this stubborn disease, however, to stop the twinges, pain and swelling and drive the poisonous accumulations from the joints and muscles, all generously-inclined druggists will tell you to take half a tea-spoonful of Rheuma daily until all misery ceases.

Rheuma is a powerful remedy, because only a powerful remedy can overcome such a terrible disease, but Rheuma acts speedily—the first dose taken and you'll know that you will soon be your healthy, happy self again.

Tragedy Drug Co. and all druggists know what Rheuma will do, for the sell a great deal of it, and guarantee that two decent bottles will overcome rheumatic agony or money back.

Rub Lumbago, Pain and Soreness from Your Lame Back--Instant Relief! Doesn't Blister--Get a Small Trial Bottle--Wonderful Liniment

When your back is sore and lame, penetrating liniment needs to be used on lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism only once. It takes the pain right out and ends the misery. It is magical, yet absolutely harmless, and doesn't blister.

St. Jacobs' Oil is at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right on your aching back, and by the time you count fifty, the soreness is gone.

Nothing else stops lumbago, rheumatism or rheumatism so promptly. It never disappoints! In use for over sixty years.

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